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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ARREST IN VIENTIANE

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REF: VIENTIANE 0125 (190954Z JAN 76)

1. THE COMMUNIST LAO AUTHORITIES, SINCE THEIR COMING TO POWER, HAVE GENERALLY TOLERATED THE TRADITIONAL USE OF OPIUM IN VIENTIANE. OPIUM DENS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO OPERATE AND NO ARRESTS, OTHER THAN THOSE OF THREE WESTERNERS, HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DENS' ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, THE FEBRUARY 5 ISSUE OF VIENTIANE MAI REPORTS THAT A 58-YEAR-OLD CHINESE RESIDENT OF VIENTIANE WAS ARRESTED IN THE DONG PALANE AREA OF TOWN ON FEBRUARY 2. HE IS CHARGED WITH POSSESSING AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF OPIUM WHICH HE STATES HE BOUGHT IN DONG PALANE FOR 52,500 KIP OR 259 BAHT PER KILO. HE ADDED THAT THE OPIUM WAS FOR HIS OWN USE.

2. COMMENT: WE EXPECT, GIVEN THE PURITANICAL VIEWS
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OF THE LAO COMMUNISTS, THAT THEY WILL IN TIME ATTEMPT

TO CLOSE DOWN OPIUM DENS AND TO DISCOURAGE OPIUM
SMOKING, THOUGH AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL THEY ARE ALLOWING
OPIUM PRODUCTION TO CONTINUE FOR THE PRESENT. THE
AUTHORITIES MAY, BY ARRESTING THIS UNFORTUNATE CHINESE,
BE ATTEMPTING TO WARN THE PUBLIC THAT SUCH MEASURES
ARE IN THE OFFING.
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